

REMARKS

Claims 37-44, 60, 88-102, 105-117, 119-124, 127, 128, 130, and 131 have been canceled. Claims 62-72, 103, 104, 125, and 126 are pending. Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 62-72, 103, 104, 125 and 126.

The Office Action states that the information disclosure statement filed on May 19, 2004 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98, and MPEP §609 because reference "D" (Norton) does not have a copy of the front page of the book. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, an IDS Citation form properly identifying the Norton reference and the front page of the Norton reference are attached to this amendment. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the Norton reference and acknowledge and return the attached citation form.

Applicant believes that a petition under 37 CFR 1.97 is not required to have the Norton reference considered since it was submitted prior to the final rejection. However, should the Examiner determine that a petition and petition fee are required, Applicant requests that this paper be considered said petition. If the petition fee be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. M4065.0454/P454.

In addition, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. M4065.0454/P454. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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